

## MINUTES

### AGING IN PLACE IN UNION COMMITTEE

Monday, June 15, 2020

ONLINE

1:00 p.m.

#### **Zoom meeting to discuss whether we will resume meeting by at home internet zoom**

Present: Wanda Gamage-Wyman, Katie Tarbox, Lorain Francis, Carol Watier, Marcy Corwin, Anita Brown, Bill and Holly Lombardi.

1. Lorain opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.
2. Katie motioned for the March 2, 2020 minutes to be approved as written. This was seconded by Wanda and unanimously approved.
3. It was noted by secretary Anita that we should begin by noting that since our March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, none of our scheduled meetings or luncheons have been held due to the Covid-19 virus and the restrictions imposed to stop the spread of this virus. Also, we will not be holding our scheduled June 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon and plans for October 29<sup>th</sup> will be decided later. (We discussed possibility to do call-in BINGO which Katie knows has been done by other organizations.)
4. It was also noted that Jay had the sandwich board sign out at the town office notifying of the cancellation of the March 12<sup>th</sup> senior luncheon.
5. *Wanda explained to us that to be an official meeting, we need to have an advance agenda posted on the town's website and have the meeting open to the public. We need information if there is a way to do a zoom meeting that meets the "open to the public" through the town. Wanda will work with Jay/Katie to have a public zoom account for our next meeting.*

*Our purpose in having this first zoom meeting is to think about what we should be doing now to support our senior at home population.*

6. Bill reported on their vegetable garden which is growing vegetables for the Union, Warren and Washington food pantries. Bill also announced he is running for selectman in the Union town election.
7. Lorain led a discussion of concerns regarding the upcoming July 14<sup>th</sup> primary elections on how we can assist the senior population in being updated about the absentee ballot option and offers for transportation to the polls for voting. Many of these seniors are not on the internet and we do not have a mailing list for town seniors. **We would like to have**

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**this option.** (A list was obtained to do calls at the beginning of the stay-at-home Covid-19 restrictions. Wanda and Bill made check-in calls. This list was obtained through our town's two state representatives. The list contained birth dates, phone numbers and addresses. The list was destroyed after use as it contained private information.) Marcy will contact the town office to see how we can have this mailing information. If it is received, we will be in touch by email for any next steps we can do as a committee. Wanda suggested that if we have the telephone numbers, each member of this committee could be responsible for calling a list of some of our town seniors.

8. Wanda and Bill reported that seniors they contacted by phone after the Covid-19 stay-at-home order were happy to have a call, but they did not need our help. They were having help from others and also other check-in calls.
9. Lorain reported on Come Spring food pantry and how the food is being delivered to recipients' cars. There is plenty of food available in our area. Lorain described the ways they are getting the information about the food pantry out to the public.
10. It was noted that today is Elder Abuse Day, and this is the work that Clark and Martha Hooper of this committee do, and they were not able to join us today.
11. Also noted that 1/3 of the Covid\*-/19 deaths were in nursing homes and some people moved their family relatives home to care for them during this epidemic. This is the mission of aging in place at home whenever possible which we support.

Our next zoom meeting is **Monday, July 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** We will need an agenda for that meeting. It will need to be decided who will host the zoom meeting so that it can be official.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Brown,  
Secretary